

**R710. Public Safety, Fire Marshal.**

**R710-3. Assisted Living Facilities.**

**R710-3-1. Introduction.**

Pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 7, Section 204, of the Utah Code Annotated 1953, the Utah Fire Prevention Board adopts for the purpose of establishing minimum standards for prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in assisted living facilities. The requirements listed in this rule text are in addition to the requirements listed in R710-9, Rules Pursuant to the Utah Fire Prevention Law.

There is adopted as part of these rules the following codes which are incorporated by reference:

1.1 International Fire Code (IFC), 2006 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. (ICC), except as amended by provisions listed in R710-3-3, et seq.

1.2 International Building Code (IBC), 2006 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. (ICC), and as adopted under the authority of the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58, Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953 and the Utah Administrative Code, R156-56-701.

1.3 Copies of the above code are on file in the Office of Administrative Rules and the State Fire Marshal.

**R710-3-2. Definitions.**

2.1 "Ambulatory" means a person who is capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit without the physical assistance of another person. An equivalency to "Ambulatory" may be approved under the conditions stated in Sections 3.2.9, 3.3.8 or 3.4.9.

2.2 "Assisted Living Facility" means:

2.2.1 a Type 1 Assisted Living Facility, which is a residential facility subject to licensure by the Utah Department of Health, that provides a protected living arrangement for ambulatory, non-restrained persons who are capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit the facility without the physical assistance of another person.

2.2.2 a Type 2 Assisted Living Facility, which is a residential facility subject to licensure by the Utah Department of Health, that provides an array of coordinated supportive personal and health care services to residents who meet the definition of semi-independent.

2.2.3 a Residential Treatment/Support Assisted Living Facility, which creates a group living environment for four or more residents contracted by the Division of Services to People with Disabilities and subject to licensure by the Utah Department of Human Services, and provides a protected living arrangement for ambulatory, non-restrained persons who are capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit the facility without the physical assistance of another person.

2.2.4 Assisted Living Facilities shall be classified by size as follows:

2.2.4.1 "Type 1, 2, and Residential Treatment/Support Limited Capacity Facility" means an assisted living facility accommodating five or less residents, excluding staff.

2.2.4.2 "Type 1, 2, and Residential Treatment/Support Small Facility" means an assisted living facility accommodating at least six and not more than 16 residents, excluding staff.

2.2.4.3 "Type 1, 2, and Residential Treatment/Support Large Facility" means an assisted living facility accommodating more than sixteen residents, excluding staff.

2.3 "Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)" means the State Fire Marshal, his duly authorized deputies, or the local fire enforcement authority.

2.4 "Board" means Utah Fire Prevention Board.

- 2.5 "Compromised Ambulatory Capacity" means physical or mental incapacitations that inhibit a person's ability to exit a facility unassisted.
- 2.6 "IBC" means International Building Code.
- 2.7 "ICC" means International Code Council, Inc.
- 2.8 "IFC" means International Fire Code.
- 2.9 "Licensing Authority" means the Utah Department of Health or the Utah Department of Human Services.
- 2.10 "Semi-independent" means a person who is:
  - 2.10.1 physically disabled but able to direct his or her own care; or
  - 2.10.2 cognitively impaired or physically disabled but able to evacuate from the facility with the physical assistance of one person.
- 2.11 "SFM" means State Fire Marshal.
- 2.12 "UAC" means Utah Administrative Code.

**R710-3-3. Amendments and Additions.**

- 3.1 General Requirements
  - 3.1.1 All facilities shall be inspected annually and obtain a certificate of fire clearance signed by the AHJ.
  - 3.1.2 All facility administrators shall develop emergency plans and preparedness as required in IFC, Chapter 4.
  - 3.1.3 IFC, Chapter 9, Sections 907.3.1.2 and 907.3.1.8 is deleted.
- 3.2 Type I Assisted Living Facilities
  - 3.2.1 Type I Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Residential Group R-3, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.
  - 3.2.2 Type I Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facility required exits shall not be secured with dead bolts, chains, or hasps. Deadbolts that are interconnected with the latch, and provide simultaneous retraction of both the deadbolt and the latch, by the turning of the latch, is permitted.
  - 3.2.3 Residents in Type I Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities shall be housed on the first story only, unless an approved outside exit leading to the ground level is provided from any upper or lower level. Split entry/split level type homes in which stairs to the lower and upper level are equal or nearly equal, may have residents housed on both levels when approved by the AHJ.
  - 3.2.4 In Type I Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities, resident rooms on the ground level, shall have escape or rescue windows as required in IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1025.
  - 3.2.5 In Type I Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities an approved independent smoke detector shall be installed and maintained by location as required in IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.2.10.1.2.
  - 3.2.6 Type I Small Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Residential Group R-4, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.
  - 3.2.7 Type I Small Assisted Living Facility required exits shall not be secured with dead bolts, chains, or hasps. Deadbolts that are interconnected with the latch, and provide simultaneous retraction of both the deadbolt and the latch, by the turning of the latch, is permitted.
  - 3.2.8 Type I Large Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Institutional Group I-1, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.
    - 3.2.8.1 An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as Group I. Listed quick response or residential sprinkler heads shall be installed in patient or resident sleeping areas.
  - 3.2.9 In a Type I Assisted Living Facility, non-ambulatory persons are permitted

after receiving approval for a variance from the Utah Department of Health as allowed in Utah Administrative Code, R432-2-18.

### 3.3 Type II Assisted Living Facilities

3.3.1 Type II Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Residential Group R-4, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.

3.3.2 Type II Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities shall have an approved automatic fire extinguishing system installed in compliance with the IBC and IFC, or provide a staff to a resident ratio of one to one on a 24 hour basis.

3.3.3 Type II Small Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Institutional Group I-1, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.

3.3.3.1 An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as Group I. Listed quick response or residential sprinkler heads shall be installed in patient or resident sleeping areas.

3.3.4 Type II Small Assisted Living Facilities shall have a minimum corridor width of six feet.

3.3.4.1 Type II Small Assisted Living Facilities licensed before November 16, 2004, shall have a minimum corridor width of six feet or a path of egress that is acceptable to the AHJ.

3.3.5 Type II Large Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Institutional Group I-2, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.

3.3.5.1 An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as Group I. Listed quick response or residential sprinkler heads shall be installed in patient or resident sleeping areas.

3.3.6 In Type II Assisted Living Facilities, where the clinical needs of the patients require specialized security, approved access controlled egress doors may be installed when all of the following are met:

3.3.6.1 The controlled egress doors shall unlock upon activation of the automatic fire sprinkler system or the automatic fire detection system.

3.3.6.2 The facility staff can unlock the controlled egress doors by either sensor or keypad.

3.3.6.3 The controlled egress doors shall unlock upon loss of power.

3.3.6.4 The secure area or unit with controlled egress doors shall be located at the level of exit discharge in Type V construction.

3.3.7 In Type II Assisted Living Facilities, where the clinical needs of the patients require approved, listed delayed egress locks, they shall be installed on doors as allowed in IBC, Section 1008.1.8.6. Section 1008.1.8.6(3) is deleted. The secure area or unit with delayed egress locks shall be located at the level of exit discharge in Type V construction.

3.3.8 In a Type II Assisted Living Facility, non-ambulatory persons are permitted after receiving approval for a variance from the Utah Department of Health as allowed in Utah Administrative Code, R432-2-18.

### 3.4 Residential Treatment/Support Assisted Living Facilities

3.4.1 Residential Treatment/Support Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facility shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Residential Group R-3, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.

3.4.2 Residential Treatment/Support Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facility required exits shall not be secured with dead bolts, chains, or hasps. Deadbolts that are interconnected with the latch, and provide simultaneous retraction of both the deadbolt and the latch, by the turning of the latch, is permitted.

3.4.3 Residents in Residential Treatment/Support Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities shall be housed on the first story only, unless an approved outside

exit leading to the ground level is provided from any upper or lower level. Split entry/split level type homes in which stairs to the lower and upper level are equal or nearly equal, may have residents housed on both levels when approved by the AHJ.

3.4.4 In Residential Treatment/Support Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities, resident rooms on the ground level, shall have escape or rescue windows as required in IBC, Chapter 10, Section 1026.

3.4.5 In Residential Treatment/Support Limited Capacity Assisted Living Facilities an approved independent smoke detector shall be installed and maintained by location as required in IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.2.10.1.2.

3.4.6 Residential Treatment/Support Small Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Residential Group R-4, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.

3.4.6.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.7 is amended to add the following: Exception: Residential Treatment/Support Assisted Living Facility classified as Group R-4, not more than 4500 gross square feet, and not containing more than 16 ambulatory, non-restrained residents, is allowed provided the building is equipped throughout with an approved fire alarm system that is interconnected and receives its primary power from the building wiring.

3.4.7 Residential Treatment/Support Small Assisted Living Facility required exits shall not be secured with dead bolts, chains, or hasps. Deadbolts that are interconnected with the latch, and provide simultaneous retraction of both the deadbolt and the latch, by the turning of the latch, is permitted.

3.4.8 Residential Treatment/Support Large Assisted Living Facilities shall be constructed in accordance with IBC, Institutional Group I-1, and maintained in accordance with the IBC and IFC.

3.4.8.1 An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as Group I. Listed quick response or residential sprinkler heads shall be installed in patient or resident sleeping areas.

3.4.9 In a Residential Treatment/Support Assisted Living Facility, residents with compromised ambulatory capacity that can demonstrate the ability to exit the facility unassisted in two minutes or less, and meet the requirements listed in Utah Administrative Code, R501-2-11, Emergency Plans, may receive approval from the Office of Licensing, Utah Department of Human Services, to remain in the facility as a resident.

3.4.9.1 In those facilities where the Office of Licensing, Department of Human Services, determines that the resident cannot exit the facility unassisted in two minutes or less, the facility management shall complete one of the following:

3.4.9.1.1 Make accommodations, changes or enact an emergency plan that guarantees the exiting of the resident in two minutes or less.

3.4.9.1.2 Provide a staff to resident ratio of one to one on a 24 hour basis.

3.4.9.1.3 Install an approved automatic fire sprinkler system.

3.4.9.1.4 Move the resident from the facility.

#### **R710-3-4. Repeal of Conflicting Board Actions.**

All former Board actions, or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Board action or of the codes hereby adopted, are hereby repealed.

#### **R710-3-5. Validity.**

The Board hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Board action, or the codes adopted, be declared invalid, it is the intent of the Board that it would have passed all other portions of this action, independent of the elimination of any portions as may be declared invalid.

#### **R710-3-6. Conflicts.**

In the event where separate requirements pertain to the same situation in the adopted codes, the more restrictive requirement shall govern, as determined by the AHJ.

**R710-3-7. Adjudicative Proceedings.**

7.1 All adjudicative proceedings performed by the agency shall proceed informally as set forth herein and as authorized by UCA, Sections 63-46b-4 and 63-46b-5.

7.2 A person may request a hearing on a decision made by the AHJ by filing an appeal to the Board within 20 days after receiving final decision from the AHJ.

7.3 All adjudicative proceedings, other than criminal prosecution, taken by the AHJ to enforce the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act, and these rules, shall commence in accordance with UCA, Section 63-46b-3.

7.4 The Board shall act as the hearing authority, and shall convene as an appeals board after timely notice to all parties involved.

7.5 The Board shall direct the SFM to issue a signed order to the parties involved giving the decision of the Board within a reasonable time of the hearing pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-5(i).

7.6 Reconsideration of the Board's decision may be requested in writing within 20 days of the date of the decision pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-13.

7.7 Judicial review of all final Board actions resulting from informal adjudicative proceedings is available pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-15.

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